start "Speed Post" service facility at Tirupati and Guntur; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and at what stage of implementation are these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) The speed post facility is already available at Tirupati. The proposal to open a speed post service at Guntur is found not feasible due to non-availability of suitable air transport connection.

Advisory Committee for Doordarshan Kendra Hyderabad

3304. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Advisory Committee for Doordarshan Kendra, Hyderabad; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; if not whether there is any proposal to constitute the same and what are the guidelines in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) The Programme Advisory Committee for Doordarshan Kendra, Hyderabad, has not yet been reconstituted.

As per the guidelines, Programme Advisory Committees are constituted for Programme Producing Doordarshan Kendras. The term of the Advisory Committee is for two years. The number of non-official members is restricted to 15. They should be from within the coverage zone of the Kendra and should represent various disciplines such as 'dance', 'folk art and culture', 'women's and children's welfare', 'youth welfare', 'social welfare', 'science', 'humor', 'film|theatre', 'sports', 'literature', 'scheduled caste|tribe', 'linguistic minorities' etc. Besides, there are some ex-officio members and the Director of the concerned Kendra is the Chairman.

Upgradation of National Highways in Gujarat

3305. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Transport Policy Committee has recommended the upgradation of several Naional Highways in Gujarat;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government of Gujarat has also urged the Central Government for the development, constructions and improvement of National Highways in Gujarat; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard and the steps Government have taken or contemplating to take for the implementation of the recommendations of National Transport Committee and the request of State Government of Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A Statement indicating the roads recommended by the National Transport Policy Committee and those sponsored by the State Government of Gujarat for inclusion in the National Highway grid is enclosed (*See* below) However, one of the roads, i.e. the Beawar-Sirohi-Radhanpur (to Kandla) Road having a length of 450 km. has been already included in the National Highway network in February, 1989. Further additions to the National Highway grid would depend on the outlay for this purpose in the 8th Five Year Plan which is yet to be finalised.

As regards the construction and improvement of existing National Highways is concerned, it is a continuous process and improvement works are being taken up every year in Annual Plan depending upon the *inter-see* priority of projects, availability of funds for the purpose etc.

Statement

Roads recommended by NTPC and and the State Government for inclusion in the National Highway Grid

Sl. No.	Particular of Road	Length in Km.
(A)	*Roads recommended by NTPC.*	
*1.	Beawar-Sirohi-Radhanpur (to Kandla)	450 Km.
2.	Baroda (Vadodara) Dhule-Sholapur	760 Km.
3.	Ahmedabad-Indore-Dewas-Bhopal	510 Km.
(B)	*Road recommended by the State Government:*	
1.	Extension of Calcutta-Nagpur-Dhule NH. No. 6 to Dhule-Surat-Hajira-linking upto N.H. No. 8 in Maharashtra and Gujarat States.	
2.	Malia-Jamnagar-Okha- Porbandar-Veravel-Diu - Bhavnagar — Karjan linking N.H. No. 8 enar Vadodara.	
3.	Rajkot-Jamnagar-Vadinar Road.	
4.	Gandhinagar-Ahmedabad - Godhra Dohal-Indore-Bhopal Road.	
5.	Extension of NH. 15 to Bhuj-Kavda-India Bridge-Dharamshala upto India border.	
6.	Extension of NH. 8-A from Kandla-Mandvi- Narayan Sarovar.	

*Stands included in the National High way grid.

Raising agency charges for National Highway works

3306. SHRIMATI MIRA DAS: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Orissa have asked Central Government to raise the 9 per cent agency charges provided by the Centre, to 20 per cent for the execution of National Highway Works by N. H. Organisation in order to meet the expenditure towards establishment, pension and gratuity;

(b) if so, whether Government have agreed to the proposal made by the State Government of Orissa; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor stating the extent to which the agency charges are proposed to be raised by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNKRISHAN): (a) to (c) There have been consistent demands from various State Governments, including the Government of Orissa, for enhancement of Agency Charges. These demands have been considered carefully from time to time including by a High Level Committee which had concluded that there was no Justification for any change in the existing rates as there had been steep increase in the price of input materials whereas the unit cost of supervision had not gone up in the same order.

केन्द्रीय सड़क निधि के तहत मध्य प्रदेश को स्वीकृति

3307. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
श्री बेकल "उत्साही" :

क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत सरकार द्वारा केन्द्रीय सड़क निधि से कोई धनराशि मध्य प्रदेश को दी जानी बाकी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इस निधि से अन्य राज्यों को कितनी-कितनी धनराशि दी जानी शेष है ?